

Army Releases Volunteer to County Jail

After trying for two months to make a soldier out of Manuel Alvarez, 29, of 2219 1/2 203rd st. the Army gave up this morning. So he went to the county jail. Notified by Army authorities at Fort MacArthur that they found Alvarez "not the type", local police called there today with commitment papers that sent Manuel to the county jail for 10 months.

A warrant for theft and misdemeanor interrupted Manuel's Army training Jan. 24, just four days after he volunteered for national defense training. He was given furlough to stand trial. On Feb. 7 Manuel was given a choice of a year in jail or a year in the Army by Judge Robert Lessing when he was found guilty of theft of a \$81.48 pay check belonging to a friend.

He elected to return to the Army but Tuesday officers at Fort MacArthur informed local police "we can't make a soldier out of him." So the commitment papers were made out, with Manuel getting recognition for his two months in uniform, and he was transported from the Army center to the county jail.

Results of L. A. Election Are Summarized

Battle lines for a hot May general election in Los Angeles city, with the majority contest holding the spotlight were drawn this week following Tuesday's municipal election. In which Mayor Fletcher Bowron and Councilman Stephen W. Cunningham emerged at the top of the majority ticket to be opponents in the runoff.

The voters put thumbs down on higher taxes, defeating proposals for increased levies for the Los Angeles public library and sewer construction, by large majorities. City Attorney Ray Chesebro, 10 municipal court judges, and seven city councilmen were re-elected; four incumbent members of the Board of Education were renominated.

In the 15th district, which includes Harbor City and the Shoestring strip, W. W. Hartley, incumbent, and Franklin P. Buyer, former councilman, will battle it out May 6. The four members of the Board of Education, who were re-nominated were: Dr. Edwin V. Askey, John E. Dalton of San Pedro, Mrs. Fay E. Allen, Negro educator, and Dr. Clarence W. Pierce.

Places on the final ticket were assured for Mrs. Ethel G. Brown, P.T.A. leader, and Mrs. McManus, social welfare worker, while Richard P. Cayley and Dr. Glen Bradford seemed to be leading for the remaining two places on the Board ticket.

School Playground To Be Open During Easter Vacation

Torrance school playground will be open during Easter vacation under the supervision of John Powell, playground director. Baseball, basketball, kickball, carroms, ping-pong, tetherball, and many other types of activity and games will be available.

The hours will be 10 a. m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Saturday. On the playground, the children may find suitable and healthful activity and recreation under adult guidance, away from the dangers of the street.

LEGION MEETING

A dinner meeting of the Torrance American Legion post, is scheduled for Tuesday night, April 15. Motion pictures thru the courtesy of the Pacific Greyhound Lines will be screened.

MARCH OF RIMES

The measure of a man's success is by his bank account, no less, this yardstick false though it may be, today is used on you and me. None care a hoot from whence we came, or give a rap about our name; our ancestry has little worth, nor race, nor creed, nor date of birth. In early times men rose to fame and won emphatic world acclaim because of some heroic deed, perhaps supplied some human need. How sad but true, the world needs neither me nor you unless we're worth a million bucks, else we just don't amount to shucks.

THEY BECOME EAGLE SCOUTS



WIN SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR . . . Boy Scouts Phillip Hoffman (left) and George Wallace Post of Troop 219 were presented with Eagle Scout Badges, which they are wearing above their left shirt pockets in the above photo, at the Court of Honor ceremonies held in the high school assembly hall last Friday night. Presentation of these top Scout honors were made by O. B. Mathews, Los Angeles Scout executive, who asked the Scouts' mothers, Mrs. P. L. Hoffman and Mrs. J. Wallace Post, to pin the medals on the boys' uniforms.

Scout Hoffman, who lives at 1612 Post ave., and Scout Post, who lives at 1541 Post ave., have been members of Troop 219 for the past four years. Each has won 21 merit badges and their civic service stripes. Young Post, who became a Scout when he was 12, has been assistant patrol leader and patrol leader. He is a junior in high school. Young Hoffman has filled those posts and also served as quartermaster. He holds a first aid medal and is a senior in high school.

The Court of Honor, which was attended by over 200 friends of the four Scout troops, was the most impressive ceremony ever held in Torrance Scouting history. Members of the district committee, headed by J. W. Post, chairman, and a number of other prominent citizens took part in the program. Thirty-three Scouts were awarded various honors, as announced in last week's issue. The entire program was arranged by J. R. Winters, member of the district committee in charge of advancement, who acted as chairman of the honor court.

Four Scout troops participated in field day events which were held at El Prado Park last Saturday. Troop 219, sponsored by the Kiwanis club, accumulated the most points—51—to win the meet. Boys belonging to this

Cooking School to Have Many Attractions in Torrance April 16, 17, 18

Preparations already under way for the Happy Kitchen Cooking School to be presented by The Torrance Herald-Lomita News at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on the afternoons of April 16, 17 and 18, indicate it will be one of the most worthwhile events for women ever held in this district.

Elaborate plans are being made to insure the success of the cooking school from every standpoint—a large array of valuable prizes for each session, many new recipes, scores of homecraft hints and many interesting new demonstrations.

Even this far in advance, many inquiries have been received by the Herald and Lomita News from interested women who plan to attend the sessions.

Miss Nancy Baker, who will conduct the programs is a widely recognized authority in home economics, and her years of study and research, as well as great practical experience, make her admirably fitted to present programs of real value and inspiration to home-makers everywhere.

Among the many interesting features of the demonstrations, will be the discussion of the numerous fine points of low temperature cooking for meats, vegetables, and other foods. Miss Baker's programs will include the results of years of testing and research work, which show that many foods when cooked at a low temperature, are much superior in flavor and texture. That it is more economical to cook at lower temperatures is readily understandable, of course.

In addition to an interesting program, there will be many lovely and practical gifts, which will be presented to fortunate women at the conclusion of each session, through the generosity of the many local merchants. So, come and join in the fun.

Disabled Vet Made Legionnaire at Home Ceremony

With all of the customary procedure usually performed at the organization's clubhouse on Carson street, officers of the Torrance American Legion post initiated Frank Howe into membership at his home, 1636 Arlington ave. Tuesday night.

Howe is a totally and permanently disabled World War I veteran and is confined to a wheel chair. Commander Ed Bird and other officers of the post received him into membership in the presence of Mrs. Howe, his devoted companion.

As a member of Battery C of the 1936th Field Artillery, Howe spent about 18 months overseas with the Third Division in France. Mr. and Mrs. Howe recently moved here from Dayton, Ohio, on the advice of his physicians, who believed a change of climate would help him.

New Name for 101 Approved

On recommendation of the County Planning Commission, the Torrance city council Tuesday afternoon approved an ordinance designed to give multi-named Highway 101 the title of Pacific Coast Highway from one end to the other. At the present time that thoroughfare is variously known as 101, State Highway 60, Wilmington Road, 255th st., Wilmington-Redondo boulevard and other names.

Mrs. Tippitt Named WALTERIA Postmaster

Mrs. Mabel Tippitt has been named WALTERIA postmaster, succeeding Mrs. Loy Knight, it was learned late last week. Mrs. Tippitt had been serving as acting postmaster since Mrs. Knight moved from WALTERIA several months ago. The WALTERIA postoffice is a fourth class office, located in a confectionery store at 24280 Hawthorne blvd.

Council's Attitude Is Not Democratic

An Editorial by Grover C. Whyte

When members of the City Council permit their feud with another city official to so bias their judgment that they refuse to hear both sides of a civic problem, it seems proper to call this condition to public attention.

As reported elsewhere on this page, the Council summarily ordered closing of the Friday night student dances after this week. The sudden action was taken at a meeting Tuesday afternoon, following the reading of a communication from the Ministerial Association requesting discontinuance of the dances. No notice of any such surprise move—taken at an unusual date and hour for council meetings—was sent to the Coordinating Council, sponsor of the student dances.

Moreover, when a copy of a letter written by City Judge Robert Lessing in defense of the dances was offered Mayor McGuire, he refused to have it read even after his attention was called to the unfairness of his decision. Judge Lessing is president of the Coordinating Council and his letter appears elsewhere in this issue.

To The Herald representative present at the meeting, it was quite obvious that Councilmen Powell and Murray (who made and seconded the motion to discontinue the dances and who have been antagonistic to Judge Lessing for some time) apparently allowed their personal animosities to blind their vision and sense of fair play. Why else would they have overlooked the fact that Lessing's letter was not a personal message but was written in behalf of the Coordinating Council? As such it represented the opinions of a wide group of civic organizations whose representatives make up the membership of the Coordinating Council.

In fairness to Councilman Hitchcock, it should be pointed out that this veteran city official suggested that the matter be held over until a conference could be arranged, but his seasoned advice fell on deaf ears and the matter was rushed thru without even reading the defense.

The Herald would have no criticism of the City Council's action if such a decision had been reached after due consideration had been given both groups—the sponsors of the dances as well as those opposed to them.

What this newspaper opposes is the growing high-handedness among certain members of the City Council to "put things over" without regard to public weal or common understanding.

Along this line, we direct attention to the practice of making major purchases without advertising for bids. The law requires that on all purchases in excess of \$500, the City must advertise for bids. And every City Attorney we have had in the city's history has so advised—excepting the present attorney whom we have never yet heard give a clear cut opinion on anything.

The State law governing municipalities requires advertising of bids on purchases over \$500 as a protection against price-hiking and pay-offs. However, the present City Council has attempted to explain its failure to do so under the guise that purchases were "replacements," or as having been "included in the budget." In other cases, advertisements have been run and then all bids rejected and the goods bought in "open market." But the fact remains, that regardless of what "excuse" is offered, it is still the taxpayer's money that is being spent and he is entitled to protection that the law provides.

Sometimes we question the value of spending public money to send city officials on "junket trips" to League of Municipalities conventions where they listen to paid propagandists and lobbyists. Is this where they learn these tricks on "how to get around the law?" If so, it would be better if they stayed at home, lived up to the spirit as well as the letter of the law and saved the taxpayers' money.

Likes Air Corps Training



AFTER HIS FIRST FLIGHT . . . Louis Zamperini (right), Flying Cadet in the Air Corps, United States Army and his flight instructor, Wallace T. Rimpau, at Hancock College of Aeronautics, Santa Maria. Zamperini is training with 220 other cadets.

The noted flyer who traded his spikes for a pair of goggles and today is miring the skyways instead of a cinder path, is reported "hitting his stride" at the Santa Maria air school.

"Just a little too energetic on the controls," observed his instructor, Rimpau, after his first ride in an Army training plane. Zamperini has told his fellow-cadets he wants to get a chance "to show 'em there's one Wop that can fight—and on the right side, too."

After 10 weeks' training he may be advanced to basic training at Moffett Field and, if he proves to be an aviator, he may become an officer of the Air Corps Reserve after 30 weeks.

Portland Police Holding Man for Burglaries Here

Accused specifically of one house robbery here and believed to be the daring burglar who entered several other local homes during the past month, Phillip Gardner, 35, Los Angeles ex-convict, is enroute back to Torrance from Portland, Ore., accompanied by Police Chief John Stroh. He waived extradition and Stroh left here Tuesday night to take him into custody. They are expected to arrive Saturday night.

Gardner, charged with the burglary of Mrs. Iola Young's residence at 1610 Cota avenue on the night of March 16, has a long police and prison record, Stroh reported. In addition to serving sentences for robbery in Idaho and Michigan state penitentiaries, he also has a list of city and county jail stays for various crimes.

Escaped from Police. He was picked up in Portland last Friday night when he was identified from a bulletin issued by Torrance police and the Los Angeles county sheriff's office. Local authorities were on Gardner's trail immediately after the robbery at Mrs. Young's house but he escaped. Police here have been holding the man's car, which contained a full set of burglar tools and the loot from Mrs. Young's home.

As he left for the north by train, Stroh said he hoped to obtain information from Gardner that will lead to a clearing up of many of the house robberies here in recent months. He is known to have used the same method of entering homes as was used in other house robberies here.

Doak Aircraft Signs Lease for Parts Plant

A year's lease with option of renewal was signed by E. S. Doak, president of the Doak Aircraft of Hermosa Beach for use of one unit of the old Torrance Flat Glass plant at 224th st. and Eshelman ave. yesterday, it was announced by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Co. who handled the negotiations.

The building, now used as an auto storage place by a Los Angeles automobile dealer, was leased from William A. Dreman. Doak plans to start renovating the structure at once and ship machinery here for construction of airplane parts.

When the industry is under production, approximately 300 men are to be employed, it was learned. Automobiles now stored in the building at the glass plant will be moved to the old Central garage on Border avenue, Smith reported.

Doak will continue to make aircraft parts at his Hermosa Beach plant. Machinery for his Torrance plant is expected to start arriving about the middle of the month.

Hog Ranch Reported Unsanitary; Owner to Get Council Hearing

Revocation of the hog ranch license issued Edward F. Saul at 17518 South Arlington ave. on the grounds that his place was in a general unsanitary condition and he was feeding garbage hauled from Hollywood in violation of city ordinance was requested of the city council Tuesday afternoon by an inspector for the Los Angeles County Health department.

On motion by Councilman Vern Babcock, the council instructed City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to notify the hog rancher to be present for a hearing and prepared to "show cause why his permit should not be revoked."

Police Manual Adopted Here

A police manual, containing rules and regulations approved by 35 Los Angeles county police chiefs, Superior Judge Fricke and the attorney for the California Civil Service Association, was adopted here Tuesday afternoon on motion by Councilman Vern Babcock. Copies of the manual have been ordered for all members of the local police department.

Council Abolishes Student Dances as 'Moral Detriment'

Acts on Pastors' Claim Without Giving Sponsor, Coordinating Council, Equal Hearing

Charging that the Friday night student dances are "extremely detrimental to the morals of our youth and offensive to the good name of our city," the Torrance Ministerial Union demanded of the city council Tuesday afternoon that the dances, sponsored by the Torrance Coordinating Council, be eliminated.

Altho the ministers' action had drawn a sharp rejoinder in a letter from Judge Robert Lessing, head of the Coordinating Council, the municipal board approved the continuation of the dance and, without permitting the Coordinators time to offer a defense, ordered the student gatherings abolished after tomorrow night.

The motion, by Councilman George V. Powell and seconded by Councilman John V. Murray, instructed discontinuance of the dance after April 4 "until the Coordinating Council gives proof it will conduct the dances in a manner suitable to this council."

Newsman Asks Fair Hearing. This summary action was opposed at the council session by Michael Strasser, city editor of The Herald, who requested that the city board at least defer action until a representative of the Coordinating Council was present to state that body's case. Strasser told the council he was not a member of the Coordinators and that he had criticized the dance in the past.

"But in the interest of fair play, I ask you to allow the Coordinators to state their side of the matter. A copy of Judge Lessing's reply to the ministers is before you—at least read that," he said. This was not done.

Councilman James Hitchcock suggested that the Ministerial Union meet with the city council to discuss the matter further at a later meeting. Hitchcock also indicated that he did not favor the rush to abolish the dance without hearing both sides.

Lessing said yesterday that the Coordinating Council was not notified that the council intended to take up the matter of the dance at its adjourned meeting Tuesday afternoon.

In his reply to Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, pastor of Central Evangelical Community church, who, as secretary of the Ministerial Union sent notices of the ministers' action to the Council head and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Judge Lessing asked: (1) Which ministers went on record at your meeting as being opposed to the dance on the grounds of immorality; (2) what specific evidence of irregularity and immorality was produced; and (3) is your denunciation aimed at the Torrance Community Dance or is it an objection to the practice of dancing at any time or place?"

Says Dance is "Offensive". Rev. Roloff's letter follows: "The Ministerial Union of Torrance, meeting in special session March 28, went on record as heartily disapproving the Friday night dances sponsored by the Coordinating Council of our City. The ministers do not care to be identified with the Council in its approval or continuance of this dance. It is because of both local and community complaint that the ministers wish to register their conviction that the dance is extremely detrimental to the morals of our youth and offensive to the good name of our city."

It is felt that the irregularities of this dance cannot be eliminated other than by the complete discontinuance of the nuisance.

In reply, Judge Lessing addressed the following letter to Rev. Roloff:

Cites Use of Dance Profits. "This objection is rather a surprise for two reasons: First, while the dance has been in operation for four or five years no constructive suggestion for the betterment of the project has come from your group; and second, your churches have willingly participated in the distribution of a substantial part of the proceeds from the dance by utilizing these funds to finance vacation Bible Schools and to subsidize a large number of your youth in Summer Camp trips.

"It is deeply regretted that you saw fit to make public your (Continued on Page 4-A)

Fund Nearly Raised for Buying 'Iron Lung'

Less than \$100 remains to be contributed to the fund being raised here by the Torrance American Legion post for the purchase of a \$540 portable aluminum "lung" for the use of the general public, Commander Ed Bird said today. He reported donations amounting to \$443.50 and said that the Post hopes to wind up its drive by the middle of next week.